

Amendments to the Claims (this listing of claims replaces all prior versions):

1. (currently amended) An audio system including a plurality of channels intended to be radiated in a predetermined positional relationship to ~~[[the]]~~ a listener, comprising:

a listening area, comprising a plurality of listening spaces;

a directional audio device, positioned in a first of said listening spaces, close to a head of ~~[[a]]~~ the listener, for radiating first sound waves corresponding to spectral components in a first frequency range of a first of said channels; and

a nondirectional audio device, positioned inside said listening area and outside said first of said listening spaces, distant from said first of said listening spaces, for radiating sound waves corresponding to spectral components in a second frequency range of a second of said channels, wherein the first frequency range substantially overlaps with the second frequency range.
2. (previously presented) An audio system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said directional audio device comprises a plurality of acoustic drivers, said acoustic drivers positioned and arranged to radiate sound waves that interfere destructively at a first predetermined location in space and to interfere nondestructively at a second predetermined location in space.
3. (original) An audio system in accordance with claim 2, wherein said first predetermined location is in a first listening space and said second predetermined location is in a second listening space.
4. (original) An audio system in accordance with claim 2, wherein said first predetermined location is proximate a first volume for receiving a first ear of a listener and wherein said second predetermined location is proximate a second volume for receiving a second ear of said listener.

5. (original) An audio system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said listening area comprises a theater and said first and second listening spaces comprise seating locations within said theater.
6. (original) An audio system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said listening area comprises a vehicle passenger compartment and said listening locations comprise seating locations within said vehicle passenger compartment
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